(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the term of the sentence of certain offenders committed to a correctional facility operated by the department of corrections to be reduced by earned release time in accordance with procedures that shall be developed and adopted by the correctional agency having jurisdiction in which the offender is confined.

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5525

May 11, 2009

To the Honorable President and Members, The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 4, Senate Bill 5525 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to rental vouchers to allow release from state institutions."

This section requires a report from the Department of Corrections to the Legislature on December 1, 2009 regarding the number of rental vouchers issued to offenders and any corresponding sanction history for those offenders receiving vouchers. No funding is included in the budget for this report. I am directing the Department to keep track of information related to this bill.

For this reason, I have vetoed Section 4 of Senate Bill 5525. With the exception of Section 4, Senate Bill 5525 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Gregoire Governor